

A FEW  
WORDS

TO ALL

*Who Professe Themselves to be*  
OF THE

Protestant Religion,

WHEREBY

They may understand by what Spirit they were  
led, that Persecuted the People of God in former  
Ages, for the Exercise of their Religion, and their  
Tenderness of Conscience in matters Relate-  
ing to the Worship of God.

With a few Words of Comfort to the  
Suffering Lambes.

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Written by him that would have the greatest of Persecu-  
tors to Repent, and cease to do Evil, and learn to do  
Well, that so they might escape the Judgments of the  
Lord.

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*Who unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write griev-  
ousness, which they have prescribed: To turn aside the needy from  
judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that  
Widows may be their prey, &c. Isai. 10. 1, 2.*

*Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any  
divination against Israel, nor weapon formed that can prosper,  
Lumb. 23. 23.*

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*A few Words to all, &c.*

**T**He people of the Lord, who you in scorn call *Quakers*, may in this day truly say as *David* said, that you and other Plowers have plowed a long time upon our backs, and made deep Furrowes, but now is the time coming, that the righteous God, will hew your snares asunder, therefore fear and dread our God, for he is come, in ten thousands of his Saints, to judge the World of ungodly Men, and to rebuke all the ungodly amongst them; for all their ungodly deeds, and hard speeches against him, and for this cause (and no other) have you in this day, as well as those Rulers that our God cast out before you, risen up against us, in persecuting, imprisoning, beating with Armed Souldiers, stocking, stoning, fining, and shamefully abusing an innocent harmless people, who have in patience suffered under you and them, ever since the Lord came to raig in us, but now you have got to the height of your persecution, and not much higher our God will suffer you to goe, nor he never did any, when they grew to that height of wickedness and cruelty, that now you are come unto, for the Lord hath suffered Persecuters to plow long upon his peoples backs, that so he might try and exercise his peoples faith and patience, as he hath suffered those before you, and now hath suffered you, but when plowing upon their backs would not satisfie them, as beating, fining, and imprisoning of them, but they would get a Law, or Decree, made to root out, banish, or to kill; and destroy the whole Seed of righteous *Israel*, and to boast as *Pharaob* and his Host did, \* I will pursue, I will overtake \* Exod. 15. 9. them, I will divide the spoyle, my lust shall be satisfied upon them, I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them, (or I will banish them out of my Land, except they will

worship according as I shall command them, I say when ever Persecutors came to this stature in wickedness, then their time was near an end, and deliverance near to the persecuted.

The first that came to this stature in wickedness was Cain, who was the elder Brother of all Persecutors, his punishment for killing his righteous brother about Religion, was greater then he was able to bear (as himself confessed) *Genesis the 4.*

Read the sin of the old World, *Genesis 6. & 11. The Earth also (or the old World) was corrupt before God : for the Earth was filled with violence. (or cruelty) Persecution is cruelty, and for this the Lord swept away the World of ungodly, and they perished in the Waters, but saved righteous Noah the persecuted, alive in the Ark with his Family.*

*Exod. 5. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.* And read *Exodus* how wicked Pharaoh oppressed Israel a long time, but when the Lord sent his servant Moses to be their Conductor and Leader, out of his house of bondage, then Pharaoh oppressed them more, when they desired to goe sacrifice to the Lord their God, then he said the people are idle, let them have no more Straw given them, but let them goe and gather it where they can find it, yet said he to the Officers, let them diminish nothing of their dayes works, but let them make their whole Taile of Brick as formerly, so the Officers came and beat them, and threatned them, and they cryed unto the Lord, and the Lord heard the cry of the afflicted, and he delivered them, and sent his plagues upon Pharaoh, and upon his Land and People, so that at length he let Israel goe, but as soon as they were gone out from him, Pharaoh came to that stature of wickedness, both he and his people, as the Persecutors in England are at this day, and they consented to pursue, and to destroy them at once, (they would rid the Land of them) but the Lord delivered Israel, and that which delivered them, was the destruction of Pharaoh, and all his Host, *Exodus 14.*

*D. ut. 18. 15.* Now Moses wrote afterwards that the Lord would raise his people up a Prophet like unto him, from amongst their Brethren, and him they should hear in all things, and according

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ing to his prophesie, the Lord hath raised up this Prophet, in the midst of us, the *Light Christ Jesus*, and he hath enlightened us, and the Lord hath sent him to be our guide, and Conductor out of *spiritual Egypt*, where formerly he was crucified.

And now we may call to remembrance the dayes that are passed, as the Apostle wrote, that after Christ Jesus the <sup>Heb. 10 32</sup> Light came unto us, and we received the Light, how we have indured a great fight in affliction, and as it were in *Egypt*, after *Moses* was sent of the Lord to lead his people forth, so it hath been with us ever since we received the *Light*, the Prophet *Moses* wrote of, how have our Persecutors oppressed us, and in no wise they will yield that we shall sacrifice to the Lord our God, as Christ Jesus the Light in us, shall direct us, and they have far exceeded *Pharaoh* and his Task-masters in cruelty towards us (though we are free-born, and *Israel* were strangers) as instance *Pharaohs* bondage to *Israel*, was chiefly to the outward man, in oppressing of them with hard labour, now if our Task-masters would but doe so to us, and not oppress our consciences, we should look upon them to be merciful men, if they would let us labour for our livelyhood, for our Wives and little Infants in the Land of our Nativity, but they will not, but cast us, and some of our Wives and Children, into nasty stinking holes and dungeons, and there for their pleasure keep us from labouring either for our selves, or for to get Bred for our Families, and lay great penalties upon the cruel Goalers, that we may have no liberty to goe abroad, not so much as to breath in the Ayre, neither allow any of us one farthing of Allowance, to keep us alive, within their stone walls, and yet as *Pharaoh* lay heavier Taxes upon us to pay then ever, and yet will not let us labour with our hands, to get therein, but sends their Officers to our habitations, where our small Children are, and there take away that little we have left them, to pay the Kings Taxes, and to pay those false Prophets that teach for Hire, oh cruelty of all cruelties, far exceeding *Egypt*s bondage, for we never read that they ever imprisoned the *Israelites*, and not let them labour, but only oppressed them with labour

labour; neither were they ever denyed the benefit of the Ayre to breath in, as our Protestant persecuters doth us at this day; and we have cryed to the Lord our God, and our innocent sufferings hath been spread before him, and he delivered us from the generation of Protestant persecuters that were in *Oliver's* days; and his Righteous judgments hath swept them away, as he did others in days past. But yet I say, they were not grown to that stature in wickedness, as now the Protestant persecuters are: For now we are not onely imprisoned, hundreds together, in noisom Goales (where many have sealed their Testimonies with their bloods for the Truths sake,) but now we are cast into Prison, because we will not break an expresse Command of Christ, (whom our Persecuters falsely calls their Saviour) who saith expressely, *Swear not at all, neither by Heaven, nor by Earth, nor by any other Oath.* And further, if we will not break this Law, and swear by that Book, which saith, we must not swear, we must by their Law be banished from the land of our Nativity, from our Wives and little Children, and dearest Relations, into forreign Lands, there to seek our Bread among strangers; and if ever we return within seven years, we are by the cruel Law to die without mercy; and whoever shall worship the true God, if they be above the number of four besides the Household, except in that way, time and place, which man hath invented, he or she shall undergo the same penalties as aforesaid.

*To Persecutors in this Age, let it be tolde to those,  
In Cruelty they have out-stript, Pharaoh and all that rose.*

Numb. 22. 5. The next that we read of that was grown to this stature in wickednesse, as to root out and destroy the *Israel* of God, it was *Balak* King of *Moab*, for as the persecuters in this day would have the Lords own People that fear him, to be all banished, so *Balak* in his day, he would have had them all cursed, (it being all by one and the same spirit) what ever it cost him, and for money and for reward *Balaam* would willingly have cursed them, but the Lord would not in that day  
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let him (as he will not let his People be banished in this day) but made *Balaam* blesse them altogether, and we read that when *Balaam* went to curse *Israel*, he rode upon an *Asse*, and as he went, the Angell of the Lord stood in his way with his sword drawn in his hand, and the *Asse* saw the Angell and turned out of the way, and the foolish Prophet saw not the Lord stand in the way, then the Angell went farther and stood in a narrow place, and the *Asse* seeing the Lord again stand in the way, she rushed on the one side, and dashed *Balaam's* foot against the wall, yet the mad Prophet all this while saw not the Lord, but attempted the third time to go on again to have cursed *Israel*.

Now let all Protestant Persecuters read their figure. *Balak* King of *Moab*, he by all means, what ever it cost him, would have had the People of the Lord to have been cursed, that so he might have rid his land of them, & to have destroyed them, and this was from the same spirit, that men in this day would have the People of the Lord banished out of the Land, it is the spirit of *Balaam*, the false Prophet, that hath brought the people to this stature in wickednesse as to banish those that fear the Lord, and that cannot put into the mouths of the false Prophets, for they are they that have in all ages and in this age stirred up the Rulers and People to persecute Gods servants, and they seeing that Imprisoning, Fining, Beating, Cutting with armed Souldiers, Stocking, Stoning, Whipping, will not make an end of them that fear the Lord, now they have got a Law (contrary to Law) to banish them, the Husband from the Wife, and both from the little Infants, not at all regarding Age nor Sex, rending families in pieces, O hard hearted Protestants! what, no pitty to the little Infants? must they be left crying day and night in thy Streets O *England*? & no care taken for them? are not your hearts harder then the flint? what, banish Parents from their tender Infants, and the pittifull Mother from her sucking Babe! and banish them into a forreign Land, and all because they will not break the commandment of him whom you call your Saviour and Redeemer, and because they worship the living God in spirit and in truth according  
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to the Scriptures, you say you own and professe, O Protestant persecuters, you have quite lost your natural affection, you have outstripped all that ever went before you, go to the hearbs of the field and they will teach you, doth that hearb that is naturally hot, cause the other hearb that is naturally cold, that it shall not grow by it? no, they both grow together close by one another in unity, and go to the birds of the air, and they will instruct you, for they live together, and do not strive to beat one another forth of the Country where they have been brought forth, & go to little children and they will condemn you persecuters, for they can play together in unity, but you have no pittie to the sucking babes, nor to the gray hairs, nor to him that leans upon his staff for very age, and thus you have hardened your own hearts, untill the Lord hath given you up to hardnesse of heart, which is the greatest of all judgments, and the nearest to destruction, and so you go on and strive against your Maker, and as yet you have not given ear to those whom the Lord hath sent unto you, to warn you of the evill of your wayes, but you have hardened your hearts as *Pharaoh*, and you will not let *Israel* go, but this I tell you all, who are hastening to banish Gods People from amongst you, our God hath set himself in your way with his sword dravvn in his hand, and the poor Sea-Men whom you make your Asses, (or would do) they see the Lord stand in their way, and they have these two times turned out of the way when they were a going to carry the innocent into banishment, but the spirit of *Balaam* who would force them to carry them, he sees not the Lord, the Lord hath opened the mouth of the Sea-Men both at *Deal* and also at *Bristol*, and they have confessed to the whole Nation, and given it under their hands, that they see the Lord stand in their way, the first saw him, crossing them in all their outward things, ever after they undertook to carry innocent *Israel* from their own Land; but at *Bristol* there the Lord met them in a narrower place, viz. in the Conscience, and they gave it under their hands, that their Consciences would in no wise let them be at quiet, or peace; and that the plagues would follow them, (or others, who

who should ever undertake to carry them) whether severely  
 should; and that they had partaken of the plagues in their heads  
 already; and that they durst in no wise carry them; because  
 they knew them to be innocent persons, and desired to walk in  
 the fear of the Lord; and thus hath our God opened the eyes  
 of those whom you would make your *Afs*, (the poor Sea-  
 men) that they see the Lord, and also their mouths to speak  
 well of his people; and for this cause hath he opened their  
 mouths, to reprove the madness of the wicked Prophets  
 that see not the Lord, therefore let it be a warning to all  
 you that still would have them banished, that the Lord  
 hath promised shall dwell in their own Land; that you make  
 not a third attempt to ride the *Afs* out again, to drive on  
 your design, for our God stands still in the way, and if you  
 will not be warned, he will slay you, and preserve and keep  
 the *Afs* alive.

2 Pet. 2. 16.

Jer. 23. 8.

Numb. 22. 37.  
32, 33.

Therefore out of true love & pitty once more to you, thus  
 have I been moved of the Lord to write to you, that so you  
 may fear and Repent, and cease from the cruel and unheard of  
 persecution; for the seed whom the Lord hath according to  
 his promise, raised in this Northern Island, as *Jeremiah* fore-  
 told must dwell in their own Land, the mouth of the Lord of  
 Hosts hath spoken it.

Then another we read of that undertook this wicked work  
 of Rooting out the Lords own people, it was wicked *Ha-*  
*man*, in the days of *Esther*, and it runs parrallel directly with  
 prosecutors in these days, what do we read that proud *Ha-*  
*man* had or could justly charge the seed of *Israel* with, as was  
 evil in his days, but that *Mordecai* the Jew sat in the Kings  
 gate, and would not bow the knee to one who was of the  
 Race of *Amalek*, who were the first of the Nation that arose  
 against *Israel*, when they were coming out of *Egypt*'s bon-  
 dage, whom God had formerly Cursed, whom the Lord said  
 he would have warr with (for that Cause) from generation to  
 generation, and he would blot out his name from under hea-  
 ven: *Haman* I say, being great with the King, and being fil-  
 led with envy, laid false accusations against an innocent peo-  
 ple, and said to the King, that it was not for the Kings pro-

Est. 3. & 4.  
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Est. 3. 1.

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- fit to suffer them to live, & the King being willing to gratifie his flatterers, granted his request, and sealed the decree, not only against righteous *Mordecai*, but against the whole Seed of
- 2 Thef. 1. 6. *Israel*, that dwell amongst them, but then it was *A righteous thing with the Lord to render tribulation to them that troubled his*
- Ester 7. 10. *People*, as it hath been and will be ever, for the same tree that *Hamon* commanded to be built to hang *Mordecai* on, the the Lord caused it that he himself was hanged thereon, and those who by that unrighteous law had power given them to have destroyed *Israel*, the Lord brought it so to passe that they were slain themselves, as thou may read *Ester*: so what hath the People of the Lord (who in scorn are called *Quakers*) done, that is evil against the proud *Hamans* in this day? hath any of them made Insurrection, Plot, or Conspicies, or any ways gone about to subvert the Government, or have they any wayes wronged any man in their outward goods or good name, or have they been a people that have lived contentiously with their neighbours, or in pride, idlenesse, vanity, or excesse, let Gods witnesse in the hearts of all people that have known us answer? or have we been a people that have made a profession of scriptures, and lived contrary unto them in our lives and conversations, let those who are our persecuters (and that are found doing so) make it appear to the Nation if they can; but is not that the greatest and cheifest cause of our persecuters wrath against us, that we cannot *respect their persons*, nor give them *flattering titles*, because the scriptures which they professe forbids us and saith it *is sin*; nay, though our persecuters have never so much favour or honour from the King, and have what their hearts can desire, yet what doth all avail them, while they see poor righteous *Mordecais* brought before the judgment seats, and cannot bow the knee to that which is out of the faith of Christ, and that seeks honour, or receives honour one of another, and so those that walks according to the holy Scriptures, are with such men counted of evill behaviour, and so at all times suffers under them for well doing, and not for evill, and such men who are filled with envy against us, have (to satisfie their bloody intents) falsely accused us before those



those that are in authority, and by that means have procured that law to be made, signed and sealed against us, for peaceable meeting together, to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth; and so by the execution of that unnatural Law, to root us out of the land of our nativity, and so to race out the seed whom the Lord hath raised in this northern Island, but unto our God we make our appeal, he having raised in us the same spirit that was in righteous Mordecai, and that was in the three Children, that we know. *Our God is able to deliver us, and he will deliver us,* and in him alone we wait for deliverance, and he never yet failed any that were by wicked men designed to be universally rooted out for their obedience to the Lord in any age, as before mentioned (as we are by you at this day) but if he should not deliver us, be it known to you our persecutors, that we will not be of that Religion that you are of, to profess God, Christ, and Scriptures, and walk and practice the clean contrary way to what you profess, and what the scriptures declare of; Nay contrary to what your book of Common Prayer speaks of, for that saith that you should *for sake the Devil and all his works, and keep Gods holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the dayes of your lives, and that you should hurt no body by word or deed, but should be true and just in all your dealings, that you should bear no malice nor hatred in your hearts, that you should do to all men as you would they should do unto you, and not falsely accuse nor bear false witness against your neighbours, and that you should not live in the pomps and vanities of this wicked world, nor in the sinfull lusts of the flesh, and should neither follow nor be led by them, and it saith (that the Lord saith) that we shall labour six dayes, and do all that we have to do,* and when our persecuters were sprinkled, had not they their sureties (or bondmen) who undertook for them that they would see them brought up in living out of the aforesaid evils, and when they came to age themselves, were they not bound to perform the same? but do either their sureties or themselves keep their bond or promises, but by their actions they are found walking contrary to godlynesse, but be ye not deceived, for God will not be mocked by you, for

Jer. 23. 8.

Dan 3. 17. 18.

Read your  
Common-  
Prayer, & see  
whether your  
practice be  
according.



that which you sow that you must reap, and our God is unchangeable, he is the same yesterday and to day and for ever, and therefore it is, that the true Israel that fears and obeyes him never hath been consumed, nor never shall be.

*For when Hamans envy is grown so great,  
that Israel shall not live,  
Then that's the time for God's own power,  
deliverance for to give.*

Gal 3. 29.

read Dan. 3.

And again, he that was born after the flesh, would be persecuting him that was born after the spirit, and in *Nebuchad-nezzar's* time, the persecuting spirit was grown to his full height in wickednesse, and they after that the King had set up the Golden Image, and had made a decree that all his people should at the sound of the Instruments, fall down and worship the Golden Image that the King had set up, and in that day there were three of the seed of Israel that knew the true God, and worshiped him, and they could not fall down and worship the Image the King had set up, then those who were filled with envy, accused them before the King, and incensed the King against them, and they regarding not the Kings decree, said that they were not carefull to answer the King in that matter, for our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the fiery Furnace, and he will deliver us out of thy hands O King; but if not, be it known unto thee O King, that we will not serve thy Gods, nor worship thy golden Image that thou hast set up; then the Kings wrath arose, and he caused the Furnace to be heat severen times hotter than before, and commanded to bind the three servants of the Lord; and those that undertook to carry and cast them into the flames, the fire slew those men and burnt them, and the Lord preserved the other in the flames, and had no hurt at all.

Dan. 3. 20,  
21, 22, &c.

*O Persecutors, Read these Lines, and dread our Mighty God,  
Else he will strike and also smite you with his Iron Rod:*

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And again, how evident it is that persecutors in all ages past neither in this age, ever regarded the works of the Lord, nor never takes notice how the Lord hath ever in all Ages swiftly pursued this great sin of persecution (let it be found in whom it will) with his dreadfull Judgements; Nay, they will take no notice, though in the same age, and though they hear how the Lord hath swept away others before their faces; yet they being blinded so with envy, that they will attempt the same evil themselves again, as we may read that *Daniel*, because he feared the living God, and worship'd him in spirit and in truth, therefore those envious men that knew well enough what the Lord had done to those that had a hand in casting the three Children into the Furnace, yet those men would attempt the same evil against *Daniel*, and they see they could in no wise catch him in anything concerning his life and conversation, but only concerning his God, therefore they endeavoured to perswade the King to make a Law (as the same envious spirit hath done often since) and the Law was this; *that if any man asked any Petition or Request of any God or Man, save of the King himself, for thirty days, that then he should be cast into the Lyons Den*, and this wicked law was signed and sealed by the King; but for all this wicked Decree, *Daniel* regarded not it, but he not only prayed three times a day to the true God, but he set his window open (let who would hear him) and prayed to his God as at other times, but quickly this wicked decree did not long want executioners, but those that watched him, told the King, how *Daniel* regarded not the Kings law, then was *Daniel*, according to the decree cast into the Lyons Den, but in the Den there the Lord appeared, and shut the mouth of the hungry Lyons and preserved *Daniel*, but then it was a righteous thing with the Lord, *To render tribulation to those that troubled his servants*, and the King did righteously in causing *Daniel* to be taken out of the Den, and also commanded that those men that caused *Daniel* to be cast in, that they should be cast in themselves; and the text saith, that the Lyons had the mastery over them and broke all their bones in pieces before ever they came at the ground of the Den; now both these

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Dan. 6. 24.

deliverances from the fire, and from the Lyons were both in one age, and the Persecutors destruction also; and yet as men in this Age who are of the same envious spirit, and are acting the same evil against the Servants of the Lord. They would not take warning by others, but went on, untill the Lords judgments swept them away.

*Know Persecutors we have a God  
That is over you with his Might,  
That can cause the Fire it shall not burn,  
Nor let hungry Lyons bite.*

Now all you that in this day are so hard at work, and that are doing the very same evil in the ground of it, as those that the Holy Scriptures hath left you upon record, for to be your learning; and for that end the Lord gave the Scriptures forth by his Servants, that so you might see how wicked men dealt with the Servants of the Lord in ages past, when they were grown to such a stature in wickedness, as to get a Law made by their Kings, or Rulers, to root out and to destroy the people of the Lord. And also, you may read in Scripture how, when ever any of his Servants were in any Age struck at by wicked men to be wholly rooted out, from off the Earth; that then at all times, the Lords power appeared and wrought deliverance for his people, and ever brought destruction upon the Enemies: But now if any are grown so desperately wicked, as not to believe nor to give any credit to the Holy Scriptures, neither will be learned by them; notwithstanding, he hears the Curses that are there written against such wicked practices, the wrath of the Lord God will smoke against that man or men whoever they be, & every curse that is written in the Scriptures shall light upon that man; and the Lord shall put out his Name from under Heaven.

Deut. 29. 19,  
20.

And now all you that call your selves (or would be called) Christian Magistrates, or Rulers, can you read that ever any Christians or any that feared the Lord, ever were found doing such a work, as you are doing at this day, to Banish an innocent, harmless, peaceable, laborious people, that fears the

the Living God, from their dear Wives and tender Infants; and from their dear and near Relations, into Foreign Lands, there to expose them to greater misery and hardship, then Death it self: Will ever those you call Heathens and Infidels think well of the Christian Religion? or ever have any love to be converted unto it, when they shall hear of such cruelty acted by you? and that against your own Brethren; as to Banish them for their Consciences towards their God; and when they shall hear what large promises of liberty concerning Conscience you have made unto us, and yet regard it not; but banish us as aforesaid; can they ever give credit unto your words; should not your Light so shine before men that they might see your good works, and so come to glorifie God: Now good workes are Fruits of the spirit, as *Love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance*, against such there is no Law, to imprison, fine, and to banish those that feares the Lord, is not a fruit of the spirit, but a work of the flesh; for the workes of the flesh are manifest, *Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, wantonness, Idolatry, Witchcraft, hatred, debate, amulations, wrath, contentions, seditions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, gluttony, and such like*: and the Apostle said, *That they that do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God*. Now let none deceive themselves so much, as to call themselves Christian Magistrates, and Rulers, while they are found doing such things as are clear contrary to Christs Doctrines, and the Holy Scriptures; Now those that are found imprisoning, fining, beating, and banishing of those that feares the Lord, and would not have others do so unto them, such are out of Christs Doctrine, and such as fine, imprison, and banish those that for Conscience towards God cannot sware, because Christ and his Apostle forbids it, such are out of Christs Doctrine; and such as are parting Man and Wife, whom God hath joyned together, and for meeting together to worship the true God in spirit and in truth, these men are out of Christs Doctrine, and are contrary to Scripture, and such as will not let peaceable people labour with their hands, and so to provide for their Families, but shut them up in Prisons, and

Math. 5. 16.

G. 1. 5. 22.

Math 5. 34.  
35. 36.

and there keep them during their pleasures, such men are by the Scriptures counted worse then Infidels, and denies the Faith.

read Math. 13. And wicked men in all ages have counted the people of the Lord that have lived amongst them to be *Tares*, and themselves to be the *Wheat*, and such have in all ages endeavoured to act contrary to Christ's doctrine and commands, and they by no means will let them grow (or live by them, but they will be plucking out the *Tares* (as themselves call them) but Christ bids such men let them alone, and let them grow together untill the harvest, and the harvest (he saith) is the end of the World, but such men who will not believe Christ's doctrine are none of his, but are the *Tares* which the Devill hath sown amongst the *Wheat*, and such men for want of true judgment have ever in all ages mistook the *Tares*, and endeavour to pluck up the *Wheat*; for never in any age, neither in this age, durst such men ever go about to prove such to be *Tares* that they have gon about to pluck up, which if they could prove them to be *Tares*, yet according to Christ's doctrine, they are to let them alone, and to let them grow together untill the harvest.

Now this I say unto you, who ever at this day are found persecuting, plucking up, and rooting up Gods people for no evill don by them, but only for their conscience towards  
James 4. 12. God, knowing him to be *The alone Law-giver that is able to save and to destroy*, and no mortall Man whatsoever hath power to give laws to bind the conscience to the worship of God, because it is Gods throne which is the Kingdome of Heaven within us, where God sits chief Judge and Law-giver, I say unto all you, that the Lord hath by his holy spirit given you the holy scriptures for to instruct, correct, and reprove you, that so Kings, aswell as their Subjects, might live answerable unto them, and all their souls be made subject to the higher powers, which power is God; but if you will not be subject unto this higher power, but will set your selves over Gods throne (the conscience) and there will make laws over it, contrary to Gods laws, and contrary

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ry to Scripture, the Lords hand will be stretched out against you, (for he never spared any that would by force usurp his throne) but as you may read how he hath done to others, so he will do unto you, therefore fear our God and repent, and cease doing wickedly against his people before the evil day which is near, come upon you.

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*A few words to the suffering Lambs of  
Christs that lye in his Fould of Rest.*

**D**ear suffering Lambs, who are gather'd into the fould of Rest, be not afraid though the hungry Foxes you hear run barking about the Fould, your Shepherd is watchful, he hath, and will feed you in green Pasture; and at his pleasure he can take the subtle Foxes, stray not forth of your Fould of Rest; but be still and quiet, be not troubled at the howling of the Foxes, for your Shepherd will not give you to be a prey for them; it is the Lamb that the wild hungry Beasts of prey would devour; but our God will suddenly rebuke the devourer; for he hath gathered you by his own power into his own Fould; and he hath preserved you, ever since he gathered you. You may remember how your Shepherd preserved you from those that sought to devour you in days past, and how he rebuked those devourers in O. C's days; and how he brought his judgments upon them, for touching of his Anointed, and for doing of his Prophets harm; and fear not though now you are compassed on every side with those that would devour you; It is but for a little time, for the tryal of your Faith, and  
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patience; you have the Holy Writings of Christ,  
 the Prophets, and Apostles, and you have received  
 them, to learn you, and to instruct you; and you are  
 those who are come to fulfill Scriptures, and they are  
 fulfilled in you; having received the same Spirit that  
 gave them forth; and you are those that the Scrip-  
 ture speaks of, *that have broke your Swords into Siches,*  
*and your Spears into pruning hooks;* and that have  
 learned to war no more with Carnal weapons; and  
 you are the seed that the Lord hath raised, in this  
 Northern Island, as *Jeremiah* foretold, *and the stone*  
*cut out without hands that must brake the Image to powder,*  
*and grow and fill the whole Earth.* And you are the no-  
 ble company of *Warriors* that follows the Lamb, who  
 is your Captain, to fight with the Dragon, the Beast  
 and false Prophets, and that shall be sure to have the  
 Victory, *Revel. 19.* and you are those that are coming  
 out of *great tribulation, having washed your long white*  
*Robes in the blood of the Lamb.* Therefore I say to you  
 all trust in the Lord, and wait upon him, keep to the  
 Fould; for though you are now designed to be rooted  
 out, yet remember and believe that there is no power  
 but what is in our Gods hand, and he never forlook  
 any that were designed by a Law to be rooted out for  
 their obedience to the Lord, as you are at this day:  
 And though he tryed his people, and did not deliver  
 untill in the Furnace, nor untill *Daniel* was in the *Den*,  
 yet then his power appeared for their deliverance, and  
 also for the destruction of their Enemies; so all dear  
 Lambs be faithful unto the Lord, and trust in him, for  
 your deliverance will assuredly come, as those three  
 deliverances came to the Lords people, who were by  
 a Law (made by envious men) to be destroyed, and  
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to be rooted out; and no more we read of in Scripture, that were by a Law thus sentenced, as we are at this day: and for our deliverance our God hath appeared, and doth appear, though our Enemies shut their eyes and will not take notice of it, but still go on to provoke the Lord, who hath done so great things for them; and now that which the Lord spoke through his Servant the Prophet *Esdra*s, is now a fulfilling as all may read, *For there shall be in every place, and in the next Cities a great Insurrection, upon those that fear the Lord.*

71. *Ver. They shall be like mad men, sparing none, but still spoiling and destroying those that fear the Lord.* 1 *Esdra*s 16.  
70, 71.

72. *For they shall wast and take away their Goods, and cast them out of their Houses.*

73. *Then shall they be known who are my Chosen, and they shall be tryed as the Gold in the fire.*

74. *Hear O ye my beloved, saith the Lord, behold the dayes of trouble are at hand, but I will deliver you from the same.*

75. *Be ye not afraid, neither doubt, for God is your guide.*

76. *And the guide of them that keep my Commandments and Precepts.*

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*The End.*

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through his 2d report the Proprietors of it, is now a full  
witness for them; and now that which the Lord has  
on to provide the Lord, who has done to give  
their eyes and without take notice of it, but still go  
printed, and hath appear, though our Enemies have  
this day: and for ourselves, our God hath so  
true, that was by Law thus sentenced, as we are at  
to be rooted out, and no more we read of in Scrip.

76. And the point of view that the Government  
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